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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1710

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF BC

SUBJ: BOTSWANA REFUGEE REPORT

1. IN FEB 27 CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR AF/S  
MACFARLANE, UNHCR RESREP PERKINS GAVE FOLLOWING FACTS AND  
ESTIMATES OF REFUGEE SITUATION IN BOTSWANA:

A. CAMP COUNT. 1800 AT SELEBI-PIKWE AND 2200 AT FRANCISTOWN  
ON FEB 27.

B. AIR CHARTERS. IMPLEMENTATION IS IMMINENT OF UNHCR-SPONSORED  
AIRLIFT TO TRANSPORT THREE THOUSAND REFUGEES TO LUSAKA OVER  
A ONE-MONTH PERIOD (WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST). WITH PLANES  
AND CREWS LAID ON, ONLY OFFICIAL GREEN LIGHT FROM ZAMBIA IS  
NEEDED. ZAMBIA HAS ALREADY GIVEN ITS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE.  
MEANWHILE, REGULAR CHARTER FLIGHTS CONTINUE.

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C. TYPES OF REFUGEES. NATURE OF RHODESIAN REFUGEES IN CAMPS  
HAS CHANGED IN RECENT MONTHS; THERE ARE FEW, IF ANY, GUERRILLA  
VETERANS AND MORE NON-COMBATANTS TO INCLUDE WOMEN, CHILDREN  
AND VERY YOUNG MEN WHO ARE SENT ABROAD NOT TO FIGHT BUT TO  
ESCAPE HOSTILITIES AT HOME. ACCORDING TO PERKINS, GUERRILLA  
VETERANS GENERALLY DO NOT USE THE CAMPS.

D. UNHCR HOUSING PROJECT. UNHCR NOW SELECTING FAMILIES TO OCCUPY THE THIRTY-SIX TEN-PERSON UNITS LEASED THUS FAR IN SELEBI-PIKWE. DWELLERS WILL INCLUDE MANY GROUPS TO INCLUDE ANGOLANS FROM MAUN. AT THIS POINT, HOUSING PROJECT NOT INTENDED TO RELIEVE PRESSURES FROM REFUGEE CAMPS EXCEPT IN DIRE EMERGENCY WHEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN WOULD BE FIRST.

2. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY, IF UNHCR SUCCEEDS IN GETTING ITS MASSIVE AIR CHARTER OFF THE GROUND, THE SEVERE OVERCROWDING AT FRANCISTOWN WITH ITS ATTENDANT EVILS WILL BE CONSIDERABLY RELIEVED.

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